

Two S P E E C H E S by the Bishop of MEATH, one to King James, when the Clergy waited on His Majesty at Dublin Castle, March 1688. the other to King William, at his Camp nigh Dublin, July 7. 1690.

May it please your most Sacred Majesty,

WE the Clergy of this your Majesty's City of Dublin, and as many of the Rural Clergy as the Distraction of the Times would permit, are come to congratulate your Majesty's Arrival, and to assure your Majesty of their Resolution to continue firm to that Loyalty which the Principles of our Church oblige us to, which in pursuance to those Principles we have hitherto practised. We come, may it please your Majesty, to Implore the Honor of kissing your Majesty's hand, and your gracious Protection for our Persons, Churches, and Religion, and a Liberty to represent our just Grievances, as occasion shall offer: And we shall ever pray, &c.

His Majesty's ANSWER.

THe Distraction of the Times I can't but be sorry for, and for the Principles of the Church of England I am very well acquainted with them, nor can I doubt the Loyalty of any man that acts in pursuance to them, and who do so, need not doubt my Protection for their Religion, Persons, and Properties, in as ample a manner as ^{ever} they enjoyed them. And for your Grievances let me know them my self, and I will Redress them.

The S P E E C H to King William.

May it please your Majesty,

WE are some of the Remains of the Clergy that have ventur'd to stay behind our Brethren in Perillous Times, and under great Discouragements, for the Discharge of our Duty to God and the People. Two of us are Bishops, who, together with Five more in the Kingdom, thought our selves obliged to continue here, to preserve the Succession of the Clergy, by the Ordination of Priests and Deacons, and the Seminary of the Church by Confirmation. The rest of our Members are the Clergy of this City, and the Rural Clergy. The former of these have staid upon their Charge, under great Wants and Discouragements, having not only been deprived of all their Maintenance, but exposed to daily Dangers, in and for the Discharge of their Duties: And the latter are Persons driven from their Cures, and forced to seek Relief and Sanctuary in this City.

We may possibly be censured by those, who understand not the Grounds and Reasons of our continuance in this Kingdom, as *Trimmers*, or Favourers of Popery: From the first we are able to acquit our selves, having been guilty of no Compliances, but such as were the effects of Prudence and Self-preservation, such as were at once both innocent and necessary, and fit to be observed to a Power, that was able to crush us far worse than it did: And we are so far from being guilty of the latter, that we humbly conceive, That we could not more effectually oppose the growth and involution of Popery, than by keeping up the publick Assemblies, by sticking to our Flocks, and preventing their seduction by the Romish Emissaries.

We do not come to crave your Majesties Protection for our Persons, our Churches, our Religion, or our Properties, which have been all in some measure invaded. Our Persons have been imprison'd, our Churches taken from us, our Properties destroy'd by a late Act of Parliament that took away our Tithes; and the free exercise of our Religion for some time interrupted, A Request of this Nature might perhaps look like a distrust of your Majesties care of us, and seem to contradict the Glorious design of your coming into this Kingdom. We are sensible that the generous End of your Majesties Presence is to Rescue us from the Oppressions and Tyranny of Popery; and are well assured, that the same Paternal Affection, that moved your Majesty to pity our Distress, will still protect us now we are deliver'd.

We come rather to bless God, as the Authour of our Deliverance, and Your Majesty as the Happy Instrument raised up by his Providence for the effecting it; to express our Gratitude and Duty to Your Majesty, who has a double Title to our Services, not only as our King, but as our Gracious Benefactor and Deliverer: To pray for the Success of your Majesty's Forces, for the Consummation of that Good work that you have with so much Personal Hazard undertaken, that you may carry your Victorious Arms into other Countries, where the Cries and the Groans, and the Oppressions of the Afflicted Protestants, are as great as they have been here; That God would be an Helmet of Salvation to you in the Day of Battle, and deal with you as he did with *Nebuchadnezzar*, when he promis'd him the Kingdom of *Egypt* for his hard Service against *Tyrus*: May he likewise recompense your hard Labour in this Kingdom, with the Addition of another that is far more valuable: And may you prove as Happy and Successful an Instrument in the succouring of others, as you have been of the Poor Afflicted People of this Kingdom.

His A N S W E R.

I Am come hither to deliver you from the Tyranny of Popery and Slavery, to protect the Protestant Religion and Restore you to your Liberties and Properties; and you may depend upon it.